Land of HUDA around IAF ammunition depot

2761. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have offered 500-600 acres of land of HUDA around IAF ammunition depot;

(b) if so, the reason therefore and the details thereof;

(c) whether security around the ammunition depot is a vary dangerous; and

(d) if so, the details of steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Adequate safety and security measures are in place around the ammunition depot, which have, over the years, ensured that no danger exists around the area.

Ground based Air Defence Capability of IAF

2762. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Air Force is not adequately protected on the ground against air attacks due to acute shortages that have led to critical voids in the IAF's ground-based air defence capability:

(b) whether it is also a fact that the current shortage had been compounded by a variety of factors, including slow sanction for fresh upgrades and an indigenous missile programme, that is nowhere near ready for operational clearance; and

(c) if so, whether Government have made any investigation in this matter and the action proposed thereon?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The Indian Air Force is adequately protected on the ground against aerial attacks.

(b) and (c) The Government constantly review the security environment and accordingly decide to induct appropriate equipment and weapon system to make arrangements for adequate defence preparedness.

Suicide by a Woman Defence Officer

2763. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a woman officer of 5071 ASC Battalion, posted at Northern Command HQ in Udhampur, committed suicide; if so, what where the reasons that led to the suicide;

(b) what is the number of incidents that have taken place till date, where the women officers have either complained of harassment or committed suicide; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to avoid this kind of situation in future?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir. The officer was under depression for which she was undergoing psychotherapy.

(b) The number of such cases reported since 2003 has been as follows:

	2003		2004		2005		2006 (till date)	
	Suicide	Harass-ment	Suicide	Harass-ment	Suicide	Harass-ment	Suicide	Harass-ment
Army	Nil	Nil	Nil	03	Nil	01	01	02
Navy	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Air Force	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	02	Nil	Nil
Medical, Dental and Nursing services	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	02	Nil	01	Nil
TOTAL :	Nil	Nil	Nil	03	02	03	02	02